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REMARKS

This amendment accompanies the filing of a REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION following the final office action mailed on July 6, 2009. The Office Action rejected Applicants' Claims 47-48, 50-61 and 64-65 as being obvious in view of the combination of EP 0943894A2 ("Livshutz") and US Patent No. 6,324,467 ("Machii"), and Claims 62-63 as being obvious in view of the combination of Livshutz, Machii and US Patent No. 6,707,421 ("Drury").

Applicants have amended Claims 47, 51-52, 54, 56 and 64-65. Applicants have canceled Claims 50 and 53. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the present application in view of the following remarks. Applicants submit that all pending claims are in condition for allowance.

Independent Claim 47

Claim 47 was rejected as being obvious in view of the combination of Livshutz[1] and Machii. Claim 47 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of canceled dependent Claims 50 and 53 and to highlight one of the advantages of the Applicants' invention. That is, downloading whole parcels to the end user computing platform provides ancillary data (such as locations of restaurants, gas stations and other points of interests) which is available from local memory without further requests to the server. This feature and corresponding claim elements are not taught by the Livshutz or Machii and both references teach away from the recited invention.

Livshutz discloses a geographic database with subsets of geographic data for different navigation system functions, for example, routing data for route calculation. (see Livshutz: paragraph 0031). After computing the route, when the system of Livshutz receives a request for a point of interest, the Livshutz system would make another request to the server via the wireless communication link for data from the geographic database. (see Livshutz: paragraphs 0026 & 0112).

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[1] The Livshutz patent is assigned to the assignee of the present application, NAVTEQ North America, LLC. To the extent permitted by law, any statements in the present Amendment regarding the disclosure of the Livshutz patent should not be used to restrict the scope of claims in the Livshutz patent.

Similarly, the Machii system requires a request to the server for a point of interest. In the Machii system, the server sends either an image data map or a vector data map, both of which are used to show a map at the terminal. (see Machii: col. 10, lines 24-36). After receiving the image data map or vector data map, the terminal does not have data that can used to respond to the request for a point of interest. Accordingly, the Machii system image data map or the vector data map cannot be used to determine a destination or respond to a request for a point of interest; rather, the Machii system sends the request to the server that searches the destination database associated with the server. (see Machii: FIGS. 10 & 18, col. 14, lines 51-54).

For at least these reasons, Claim 47 is not obvious in view of the combination of Livshutz and Machii.

Independent Claim 56

Claim 56 was rejected as being obvious in view of the combination of Livshutz and Machii. Claim 56 has been amended to recite "a point of interest look up application on the end user computing platform that receives a request for a point of interest and uses the transmitted data stored in the local memory to identify the requested point of interest without making a request to said server." Support for this amendment may be found in the Specification at page 18, lines 27-31. Claim 56 is not obvious in view of the combination of Livshultz and Machii for similar reasons as discussed above in conjunction with Claim 47.

Independent Claim 64

Claim 64 recites "on the mobile computing platform, after said step of storing the transmitted parcels in the local memory, receiving a request for a point of interest and accessing data from the local memory to find said point of interest without making a request to said server." Claim 64 is not obvious in view of the combination of Livshultz and Machii for similar reasons as discussed above in conjunction with Claim 47.
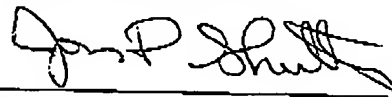
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Conclusion

With the present response, all the issues in the Office Action mailed July 6, 2009 have been addressed. Applicant submits that the present application has been placed in condition for allowance. If any issues remain, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

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